

able to become foe-destroyers in any of first three Formless Realms.

Furthermore, *non-returners who progress to a higher [level] by eventually proceeding to the Peak of Cyclic Existence Level* achieve self-liberation in the 'preceding state' of one of the four levels of the Formless Realm.

**ii. Non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm**

Non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm (*gzugs med nyer 'gro phyir mi 'ong*) are non-returners of the Desire Realm who in this life newly attained the path of seeing and the result of non-returner.

Then in their next life they will not proceed to the Form Realm but to the Formless Realm in which they will attain the result of foe-destroyer.

*Non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm* can again be categorized into four types:

- I) Non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm and go beyond (i.e. attain self-liberation) in the birth state
- II) Non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm and go beyond (i.e. attain self-liberation) with a compositional factor
- III) Non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm and go beyond (i.e. attain self-liberation) without a compositional factor
- IV) Non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm and progress to the higher [levels]

Since there is no intermediate state in the Formless Realm, there are no *non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm and go beyond in the intermediate state*.

The meaning of these four types of *non-returners who will proceed to the Formless Realm* will become clear when one understands the five types of *non-returners who will proceed to the Form Realm*.

**iii. Non-returners who will pacify [during] the Dharma of seeing**

Non-returners who will pacify [during] the Dharma of seeing (*phyir mi 'ong mthong chos zhi*) are non-returners of the Desire Realm who in this life newly attained the path of seeing and the result of non-returner, and who will not take another rebirth in Samsara but attain the result of foe-destroyer in this life.

Therefore, since they are non-returners who will attain self-liberation during the very life in which they newly attained the path of seeing they are called 'non-returners who will pacify [during] the Dharma of seeing'.

**iv. Non-returners who will actualize a body**

Non-returners who will actualize a body (*phyir mi 'ong lus mngon byed*) are non-returners of the Desire Realm who possess the eight liberations and who in this life newly attained the path of seeing, and the result of non-returner.

The eight liberations are:

1. The liberation of one possessing form looking at a form
2. The liberation of one not possessing a form looking at a form
3. The liberation through beautiful [form]
- 4-7. The four formless realm absorptions
8. The liberation of cessation

These will be explained in detail during the presentation of the fourth chapter of the *Ornament for Clear Realization*.

Non-returners who will actualize a body can be classified into three:

- I) Non-returners who will actualize a body and attain Nirvana with the physical basis of the Desire Realm
- II) Non-returners who will actualize a body and attain Nirvana with the physical basis of the Form Realm

III) Non-returners who will actualize a body and attain Nirvana with the physical basis of the Peak of Cyclic Existence Level

(For the different categories of abiders in the result of non-returner see Chart 10)

### APPROACHERS TO THE RESULT OF FOE-DESTROYER

Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer are Hinayana Aryas who abide on an uninterrupted path that mainly strives to attain the result of foe-destroyer.

Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer can be classified into two:

- 1) Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Simultaneous Eliminators
- 2) Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Gradual Eliminators

#### 1) Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Simultaneous Eliminators

Approachers to the result of foe-destroyers who are Simultaneous Eliminators (*spang bya cig char ba'i dgra bcom zhugs pa*) are special abiders in the result of stream-enterer who abide on one of the nine supramundane uninterrupted paths of the path of meditation which irrevocably eliminate one of the nine types of innate afflictions.

Since they are Simultaneous Eliminators their nine types of uninterrupted paths irrevocably eliminate the nine types of mundane *and* supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms simultaneously. Therefore, the first supramundane uninterrupted path of the path of meditation irrevocably eliminates the first type of mundane *and* supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms. The second supramundane uninterrupted path of the path of meditation irrevocably eliminates the second type of mundane *and* supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms, and so forth.

*Approachers to the result of foe-destroyers who are Simultaneous Eliminators and special abiders in the result of stream-enterer who are Simultaneous Eliminators* are equivalent.

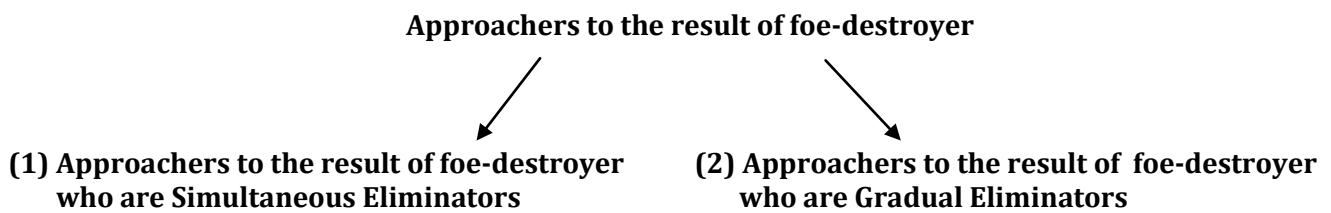
#### 2) Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Gradual Eliminators

Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Gradual Eliminators (*spang bya rim gyis pa'i dgra bcom zhugs pa*) are special abiders in the result of non-returner who abide on any uninterrupted path that temporarily or irrevocably eliminates any of the mundane or supramundane innate afflictions of one of the three realms that have not been previously eliminated.

Examples are abiders in the result of non-returner who abide on the mundane uninterrupted path that temporarily eliminates the third type of mundane innate afflictions of the Nothingness Level. Other examples are abiders in the result of non-returner who abide on the ninth supramundane innate afflictions of the Desire, Form, and Formless Realms.

Approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Gradual Eliminators and special abiders in the result of non-returner who are Gradual Eliminators are equivalent.

Furthermore, approachers to the result of foe-destroyer who are Gradual Eliminators can be Gradual Attainers, Leapers who temporarily eliminated the sixth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm prior to reaching the path of seeing, or Leapers who temporarily eliminated the ninth type of mundane innate afflictions of the Desire Realm prior to reaching the path of seeing.



### ABIDERS IN THE RESULT OF FOE-DESTROYER

According Panchen Sonam Drakpa's **Decisive Analysis**, foe-destroyers and abiders in the result of foe-destroyer are not equivalent. They are not equivalent because whoever is an abider in the result of foe-

